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In the application of:

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DEVICES INCORPORATING
SUPERELASTIC SUPPORTS

Examiner: H. Pham

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the specification and claims as put forth below. This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated June 13, 2003 for which a three-month period for response was given, making this response due on or before September 13, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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